


- E-31 Set public hearing for November 6, 2002 to consider adopting the 2001 California Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, and Fire Codes.
  - E-32 Adopted Resolution No. 2002-208 authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Lodi Tokay Rotary Club for the Lodi Kids' Night Out; and appropriated \$18,000 for the event.
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F. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Tony Alegre, President of Boosters of Boys and Girls Sports (BOBS), commended the City for its part in the renovation at Zupo Field. He presented a check in the amount of \$8,000 to the City on behalf of the BOBS. He noted that the BOBS also donated over \$1,500 in services toward the Zupo Field project. He thanked the Mayor his work in providing programs for the youth of the community, and reported that 5,000 youth each month participate in sports programs.

Parks and Recreation Director Baltz reported that the BOBS is also considering replacing the scoreboard with a wireless system, which has a value of several thousand dollars. He acknowledged Mr. Alegre for providing trucks at no cost to the City for three days of work removing sod.

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- Camille Green urged Council Members, City staff, and concerned citizens to attend a conference on October 19 in San Jose, which will cover the topic of California redevelopment agencies' waste of public money by the billions, destroyed neighborhoods, displaced homeowners, and the shutting down of small businesses. Sponsors of the conference are the Municipal Officials for Redevelopment Reform. She expressed concern about private meetings taking place between property owners that had protested the Redevelopment Plan and City staff who verbally promised funds from the Redevelopment Agency if they would no longer oppose the implementation of the Plan in Lodi. She viewed such an act as criminal and suggested that the matter be placed on a future Council agenda for discussion.

Mayor Pennino informed Ms. Green that the City Manager would be attending the conference on behalf of the City.

Council Member Land explained to Ms. Green that under the Redevelopment Plan 20% of the funds collected must be used for affordable housing. Staff was merely informing the property owners what was available to them.

- John Johnson thanked the City for the improvements to Zupo Field and the BOBS for its contribution. He hoped that the City would be able to find money in the budget to maintain the field. He asked: 1) how much has been allocated for the design of the proposed indoor sports center, the aquatics facility, and DeBenedetti Park; and 2) if the plans for these three projects were completed, could they be funded today or even within the next two years. He stated that if the answer to the second question is no, then as a taxpayer he would urge the Council to stop the design work, as there is no reason to spend \$2.5 million on design without knowing how to pay for the projects. He thought that plans for the pool were supposed to be on this Council agenda, but the item had been removed.

Mayor Pennino replied that the plans for the aquatics facility would be on the next Council agenda.

Council Member Howard responded that it would be a mistake to stop the design process because having project designs complete increases the likelihood of obtaining funding. She cited the current Library as an example. Although there was questionable funding on the project, the design phase proceeded, and when the State allocated monies to be used for libraries it gave priority to cities that had a design in progress. In addition, Parks and Recreation has been allocated funding from Proposition 12. In answer to Mr. Johnson's second question, she stated that if all three projects came before Council at the same time for construction next year it would not be feasible; however, planning to build them over a series of years is reasonable.

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